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                     Serial No. 10/180,536
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                     Group Art Unit: 2881
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For: METHOD OF PREVENTING CHARGING, AND APPARATUS
      FOR CHARGED PARTICLE BEAM USING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

    In accordance with the duty of disclosure, the applicants

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    The above-referenced application is a continuation

application of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/180,536, filed

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    The Applicant requests the Examiner to initial and return

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